

SURVEY AND SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS.

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LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*A Report relating to the Survey and Sale of the Public Lands.*

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JANUARY 24, 1833.

Referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

22d January, 1833.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit a report from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, containing the information required by a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 3d instant, relating to the survey and sale of the public lands, so far as it can be furnished by the means at present in that office.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
LOUIS McLANE,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

The Hon. the SPEAKER  
of the House of Reps. U. S.

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE,  
January, 1833.

SIR: In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, bearing date the 3d instant, in the words following, to wit:

“Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury report to this House a statement showing the following facts:

“1st. The average amount, per annum, appropriated and expended in the survey of the public lands, since 1st January, 1823.

“2d. The average amount, per annum, of public lands offered at public sale since the 1st January, 1823.

## C.

*TABLE exhibiting the aggregate quantity of Public Land remaining unsold, and subject to private entry, in the several States and Territories, on the 31st December, 1831, showing, as nearly as practicable, the quantity remaining unsold at said date, which has been in market since the operation of the cash system, and also the quantity remaining unsold at said date, which was in market prior to the operation of the cash system. [Intended to afford the information sought for by the 3d, 4th, and 5th clauses of the resolution, as far as the present means in the office will admit of so doing.]*

STATE OR TERRITORY.	Quantity of public land subject to private entry, 31st Dec. 1831.	Quantity in market since the operation of the cash system in 1820.	Quantity in market prior to the operation of the cash system in 1820	Remarks respecting the lands which were in market prior to the operation of the cash system.
Ohio -	5,631,801	3,457,323	2,174,478	Nearly all in market for twenty years; the greater portion from 25 to 30 years.
Indiana -	10,471,586	5,924,780	4,546,806	Nearly all in market from fifteen to twenty years.
Illinois -	15,302,239	11,101,697	4,200,542	Nearly all in market for fifteen years and upwards.
Missouri -	16,126,731	13,148,122	2,978,609	The earliest sales in 1818; heavy sales occurred, however, subsequently, under the credit system; average period, about 12 years.
Mississippi -	9,778,362	5,242,126	4,536,236	From twelve to twenty years.
Alabama -	17,992,339	11,820,536	6,171,803	From twelve to twenty-two years; average period may be said to be fifteen years.
Louisiana -	6,107,188	4,925,757	1,181,431	About thirteen years.
Michigan -	8,059,428	7,234,763	824,665	About thirteen years.
Arkansas -	9,875,041	9,875,041		
Florida -	5,068,040	5,063,040		
	104,407,755	77,793,185	26,614,570	

January 22, 1833.

ELIJAH HAYWARD.

## D.

*STATEMENT showing the quantity of Public Lands in each State and Territory, the quantity sold, and the amount received from the purchasers therefor. (In reply to the last clause of the resolution.)*

STATE OR TERRITORY.	Quantity of land to which the Indian and foreign title has been extinguished.	Quantity of land sold by the United States, to 31st Dec. 1831.	Nett amount of sales and moneys paid by purchasers, to 31st Dec. 1831.
	Acres.	Acres.	Dollars.
Ohio - -	24,627,142	8,846,409	(4) 17,213,868 81
Indiana - -	(1) 23,553,920	5,817,038	7,597,791 21
Illinois - -	35,188,480	2,178,012	2,758,463 46
Missouri - -	39,119,018	1,955,572	2,917,319 45
Mississippi - -	(2) 30,157,440	1,596,288	2,545,810 03
Alabama - -	(3) 32,477,680	4,335,471	8,949,995 96
Louisiana - -	31,463,040	344,753	629,638 49
Michigan - -	19,580,160	948,289	1,239,424 12
Arkansas - -	34,209,280	78,000	97,644 27
Florida - -	31,589,440	424,618	571,868 39
Total -	301,965,600	26,524,450	(5) 44,521,824 19

(1) There is included in this quantity 3,681,000 acres, the estimated number of acres ceded to the United States by the Potawattamie treaty, not yet ratified by the Senate.

(2) Including 5,997,440 acres, the estimated quantity ceded to the United States by the treaty with the Chickasaws, not yet ratified by the Senate.

(3) Including 338,640 acres, the estimated quantity ceded to the United States by the treaty with the Chickasaws, not yet ratified by the Senate.

(4) This sum includes all the moneys received for land sold in that part of Cincinnati district lying in the State of Indiana.

(5) This sum includes the following items, viz.

Certificates of public land debt and army land warrants	984,189 91
Forfeited land stock and military land scrip	- 757,778 23
Mississippi stock	- 2,448,789 44
United States' stock	- 257,660 73

Dollars - 4,448,418 31

January 22, 1833.

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